

REMARKS

In an attempt to advance prosecution of this case, applicant has canceled claims 1 to 7 and has presented new claims 8 to 36. New claim 8 is an independent device claim, new claim 21 is a system claim dependent upon claim 8, new claims 23 to 29 are method claims dependent upon claim 8, and new claims 30 to 36 are method claims dependent upon claim 21.

The Examiner's time and attention during an interview conducted June 22, 2005 is acknowledged and appreciated. During that interview, the new claims were presented to and discussed with the Examiner.

New independent claim 8 is patterned after claim 1 of related case (sharing the same priority date, inventors, and disclosure) Application Serial No. 09/305,079, now US 6,273,886 (a copy of the issued claims are attached). Examiner Peffley conducted the examination of this related case. During the prosecution of the related case, the Examiner applied as references under 35 U.S.C. § 103 Neilson et al US 5,330,518 in view of Kannenberg (US 5,871,481). Applicant attaches its Amendment A, which addressed the rejection and led to the allowance of the claims. It is believed the same considerations apply with respect to the new claims in this case, which should therefore be in condition for allowance.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that agreement was reached regarding the allowability of the new claims, subject to an updated search by the Examiner and consideration of possible double patenting issues based upon US 6,273,886. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer based upon US 6,273,886.

The Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment lists documents that are of record in US 6,273,886 which are not currently of record in this case. Copies of the listed documents accompany the Statement.

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Applicant believes that new claims 8 to 36 are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

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